

NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

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TO THE CLUB OWNERS

Dear Sir:

In checking over the Negro National League second half schedule, I find that it is not balanced as well as it might be. Check your own dates, and you will find that you are playing some teams too often, and others, not enough.

As it now stands, Newark plays 24 games; Baltimore 22; Homestead Grays 21; Phila. 20; Cubans 18 and Yanks 15.

To get a good balance, I suggest that Newark, Baltimore, Homestead and Phila. play each other 5 games and play the Cubans and Yanks 4 games, making a total of 23 games for each of these teams. The Yanks and Cubans, unable to play many home games, will play every other team 4 games, giving them a total of 20.

This is the best possible schedule we can arrange, and will really be fair to everyone, as it will have some semblance of being equal.

If you agree with the above, then I suggest the following corrections, which you can deal with individually or thru me, advising as soon as possible what can be done.

Newark will drop 3 Baltimore games, 2 Yank games and 1 with the Grays, and add 3 with Phila. and 2 with the Cubans.

Homestead Grays will drop 3 with Baltimore and 1 with Newark, and add 2 with Phila. and 4 with Yanks.

Baltimore will drop 3 with Newark and 2 with the Grays and add 3 with Phila. and 3 with the Cubans.

Phila. will drop 2 with the Yanks and 3 with the Cubans and add 3 with Newark, 3 with Baltimore and 2 with the Grays.

Cubans will drop 3 with Phila. and add 4 with the Yanks, 2 with Newark and 1 with Baltimore.

Yanks will drop 2 with Phila. and 1 with Newark and add 4 with the Cubans and 4 with the Grays.

These games can be arranged either home or away, and I suggest that all changes be made on week-days and Saturday's, as any attempt to change Sunday dates would result in great confusion.



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If you don't care to cancel any of the games already arranged, the excess can be played as exhibitions, providing the President and Secretary are notified atleast two weeks in advance of the playing of these games.

Please remember that all of the above is only a suggestion, which I am submitting to you on my own initiative. If any of you think it unwise to make changes, I will leave matters alone, maybe only adding a few games here and there, and making a few minor changes to try to equalize the number of games each team plays, as nearly as possible.

I would appreciate an immediate reply on this matter, so that I will know whether to hold up the schedule or not.

Respectfully submitted,

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